



# Reach the world!

## ESL English as a Second Language

“From one man He has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.” Acts 17:26-27

In God’s great sovereignty, He is moving many peoples from all over the world into the cities, towns, and communities of our SBC of Virginia churches. Many of these peoples, however, arrive with a great need: the need to learn English. English As a Second Language (ESL) ministry is an effective way for your church to get to know and minister to its international neighbors. Adjusting to life in the US is difficult, so helping these new neighbors learn to speak English is a great way to meet a real need and serve the community. ESL also offers opportunities for church members to share the love of Christ, develop friendships, and build

strong relationships within the international community. ESL can also be the ministry God uses for your church to reach with the Gospel the nations living next door.

If you would like to talk more about how to start an ESL ministry in your church or schedule a training workshop, contact Tom and Cindi Melvin, SBC of Virginia mobilization associates (804-536-2913 or [tmelvin@sbcv.org](mailto:tmelvin@sbcv.org)).

God is bringing the nations to the doorsteps of SBC of Virginia churches. Let us be found faithful to care for them and share the hope and joy we’ve found in Christ. ■